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SUBJECT: WITHDRAWAL OF B-52'S FROM GUAM

REFS: (A) BANGKOK 15169 (B) SECDEF 8170

1. WE APPRECIATE THE POINT MADE REF A THAT THE RTG MAY FIND IT DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY WE CAN WITHDRAW FIFTEEN B-52'S FROM GUAM WHILE DECLINING TO TAKE ANY B-52'S FROM UTAPAO AS THEY HAVE URGED. PRESS GUIDANCE (REF B) WAS RELEASED SEPTEMBER 28 IN ORDER TO PRECEDE GUAM REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULED TO BEGIN THE FOLLOWING DAY.

2. IF YOU CONSIDER IT NECESSARY TO OFFER AN EXPLANATION TO RTG YOU SHOULD MAKE THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN ADDITION TO EXPLANATION IN PRESS GUIDANCE.

(A) B-52 REDEPLOYMENTS WERE LIMITED TO GUAM BECAUSE THEY HAVE LESS PUBLIC VISIBILITY THAN THOSE BASED AT UTAPAO AND THUS CAN BE WITHDRAWN WITH LESS DANGER OF AN UNDESIRABLE SIGNAL TO HANOI AND LESSER IMPLICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO THAI  
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(B) IN ADDITION, THE SHORTER DISTANCE AND FLYING TIME FROM UTAPAO TO POTENTIAL TARGETS MAKES AIRCRAFT BASED THERE

MORE CONVENIENT AND EFFECTIVE FOR CONTINGENCY PURPOSES  
THAN IS THE CASE WITH GUAM-BASED AIRCRAFT.

(C) IF THAIS PRESS THE POINT, YOU CAN INFORM THEM  
THAT WE ARE OF COURSE CONSIDERING POSSIBLE FUTURE  
REDEPLOYMENT OF TDY B-52'S IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR OVERALL  
MILITARY BASING REQUIREMENTS IN THAILAND. HOWEVER, OUR  
BASIC CONCERN -- WHICH WE ASSUME THE RTG CONTINUES TO  
SHARE -- IS THAT ANY FURTHER REDUCTION OF U.S. FORCES IN  
THAILAND BE CARRIED OUT IN A WAY THAT WILL NOT, REPEAT,  
NOT UNDERMINE THE PROSPECTS FOR STRICT IMPLEMENTATION  
OF THE SETTLEMENTS IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND LAOS AND FOR  
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